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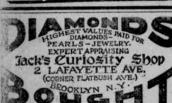
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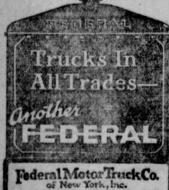


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Aircraft Fiasco Explained as Due to Shortness of Time for Development.

Special Despatch to The New York Herald.
New York Herald Burean. |
Washington, D. C., Oct. 31. |
Secretary of War Baker to-day issued tion of the affairs of the War Department from charges of inefficiency, waste and extravagance that have been made WIRES BAKER TO HALT

and extravagance that have been made in many quarters.

"The War Department has saved over \$4.675.342.881 to the taxpayers of this country through the sale of surplus war supplies and settlements of claims." Mr. Baker states in opening the Administration's defence. He also points out that to have a proper understand of the situation it must be remembered that the Department made its purchases at a time when a field force of 5,000,000 men was contemplated.

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The enormous supplies on hand, he declared, would have been totally inadequate had the war lasted another year, Mr. Baker also asserted that France had purchased goods overseas for \$532,500,000, and in addition walved customs duties estimated at \$150,000,000, and assumed payment of 150,000 claims arising out of the American occupation and use of installation and lands.

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Points to Saving in Europe.

"As a result, therefore, of the work of the United States Liquidation Commission," the statement declares, "the War Department saved to the taxpayers from the sale of surplus of war materials in Europe 5972,213,225.82 plus the cialms for damages which would have been entered against the Government. Thus the claim that the property which had cost this country \$1,390,989,302 was disposed of to the French Government for \$4,000,000, payable in ten years, is entirely erroneous."

No mention is made of the powder plant at Nitro. W. Va., which cost \$70,100,000, produced no powder for the war, and was recently sold for \$8,551.000, nor the Old Hickory powder plant at Nashville. Tenn., which cost \$90,060.000, produced nothing, and was sold recently for \$3.039,000 nor of the army camps and cantonments costing \$1,200.000.000.

The department dismisses the aircraft fiasco with the statement "that at the beginning of the war the United States did not seek to build up a large aircraft manufacturing industry. It was necessary to furnish planes in the shortest possible time, consequently most of the planes used by the American aviators were purchased abroad." Thus is described an aviation programme that cost \$1,051,511,988, but despite extravagant and dangerous promises did not deliver at the front prior to the armistice a single American built fighting plane.

chased by the War Department stood exposed to the weather for much more than eleven months after the armis-tice at the various automobile con-centration camps, Camp Holabird, near Baltimore, being a single notable in-

lowing June for an army that was no longer there.

Of the long list of articles charged as purchased in amounts vastly in excess of army needs the Department's "defence" in the item of branding irons is taken as typical. The admission is made that 195,000 were purchased as charged, but that one iron is serviceable for less than 300 animals, and that animals must be tranded once every two montiss. Both these claims are ridiculed by experienced ranchmen, but even on the Department's statement they had enough irons to brand 59,000,000 animals once, and the total number of horses and mules possessed by the Government at all times during the war, not counting those that died or word otherwise disposed of, was only 573,403.

Editorial N. Y. Herald, Oct. 27, '20.

"Judge Hartman amply deserves the suffrages of all his fellow citizens. his candidacy is indorsed without qualification." Editorial N. Y. Eve. Mail, Oct. 28, '20.

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"At the termination of hostilities there was a great supply of war material in the United States far in excess of the peace time needs of the army, and for the disposal of this property a sales division was organized in the War Department. This sales division has disposed of supplies and materials of all kinds and to date has sold property which cost the Government \$1,132,667,076 and the return to the United States has been \$533,378,417. Some of the articles thus sold have brought the Government 92 per cent. of their original purchase price.

urchase price.
"The policy of the War Department "The policy of the War Department in selling surplus and reclaimed projecty is to advertise extensively in business and daily papers throughout the country a sufficient time in advance of the sale to enable all interested to compete. Every effort is made to allow the public at large to purchase whatever articles are placed on sale, and as far back as August, 1919, the War Department issued instructions that in so far as practicable the surplus material be disposed of to the ultimate consumer and that no firm, corporation, jobber, &c., should be considered until all other channels had been exhausted." channels had been exhausted."

### LEATHER CONTRACT Bosson Calls Disposal of Sur-

While the War Department was issu ing denials yesterday of certain of the charges of waste and extravagance that have been made against it, further criti-

It was ascertained that George C. Bosson, who is known throughout the country in the leather goods industry and who served as a Captain in the Quartermaster's Corps with jurisdiction over the surplus leather codes of the

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Work of Liquidation Commission. "...Judge Hartman...stands out-for his social conscience and service Secretary Baker's "defence" is in part to labor." Dudley Field Malone.

since April 6, 1917. These customs were estimated at approximately \$150,000,000, and the French Government further assumed the payment of approximately 150,000 claims against the United States Government arising out of the American occupation and use of installations and land.

"As a result of the work of the United States Liquidation Commission the War Department apparently had paid no attention to them. The plant in which Tunley worked had been taken over by the Government with all of its appurtenances for control of \$15,000 worth of equipment with all of its appurtenances for control of \$15,000 worth of equipment with all of \$15,000 worth of equipment for which the Government had no use damages which would have been entered against the Government. Thus the claim that property which had cost this country \$1,390,989,302 was disposed of to the French Government for \$4,000,000, payable in ten years, is entirely erroneous.

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